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FASHION ITEMS.

All out-door dresses are made short. Derby's never go entirely out of fashion.

Jersey costumes will be worn next month.

Pompadour silks are growing in popularity.

Plaids will be revived in the early fall millinery.

Many narrow ruffles appear on early fall dresses.

The nightgown with shirred waist is a new fancy.

Ostrich tips and plumes will be in high fashion this fall.

It is admirable to go anywhere now with a short dress.

Plush will take the place of velvet in millinery this winter.

Chinese Corah silks in flowered designs will form parts of fall toiletts.

Red pleatings around and under the bottom of the dresses increase in number.

Fancy and tinsel ribbons will be used more than Surah silk or satin for winter bonnets.

The fashionable evening color takes the name of Ophelia; it is a dark shade of heliotrope.

The tea gown of the moment is of soft ivory Ramchunda silk, trimmed with Languedoc lace.

All lustrous fabrics and trimmings, such as satin and jet, will remain in fashion this fall.

For very deep mourning English crapes takes the place of Surah silk for the collar, cuffs and belt.

The riding habit of the fall season has a cutaway-coat basque buttoning over a striped waistcoat.

Black silk poplin is again in demand. It is used for skirts of black costumes of Surah silk, cashmere or camel's hair.

Marguerite sleeves, puffed in the arm-hole and at the elbow, appear on some of the lately imported Parisian costumes.

The Pilgrim polonaise loosely defines the figure, and is bound with a heavy silk rope, finished with cones, balls, tags or tassels.

The novelty in black silk dresses worn as mourning is imperial Surah, with rich twill, like the regular diagonals of imperial serge.

There is an effort to make all mourning attire more wholesome by using less crepe, and wearing it a shorter time than was formerly done.

The Spanish mantilla and elbow cape are not confined to misses or to young ladies; they are equally suitable for ladies of middle age.

Belts of cream-white, black, or gray striped saddle girdling, from two to three inches wide, are worn, fastened with leather straps and buckles.

Four little children dressed as sailors holding the bride's train in the bridal procession was one of the features of an English wedding last month.

Young ladies will revel this fall in white illusions decorated with flowers in either knots or wreaths. It heightens equally the charms of blonde and brown.

The English baby stare is done by opening the eyes as wide as possible without raising the brows, and slightly turning the corners of the mouth up.

Saying "mouse" five or six times, gives the right position to the lips.

One of the most elegant fabrics for mourning dresses is imperial serge, and its cost is only from \$1.50 to \$2. It differs from the Henriette cloth in having even diagonal weaving, like serge, instead of the short irregular twill known as "cashmere twill."

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I was in the salon the next evening, and papa was reading the newspaper, when all at once I heard the sound of shouting, the clash of steel, and the various other notes of warfare to which we had grown accustomed; but, before I could see what it all meant, Fadette, the only servant the war had left us, rushed in, crying out that the French were in Vervain.

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I was thankful when I could retire and be alone with my deadly anxiety. I could not think of sleep, so I lowered the lamp in my dressing-room, and paced to and fro, too restless to sit still. One o'clock had just chimed out from the town-clock in the market-place, and I paused to listen to the musical carillon. Presently I heard a strange noise. I turned and listened—how I listened! The noise was just outside the window, and it sounded like the creeping-roses and jasmine-branches were being rustled.

Before I could look out there was a soft tap on the glass. Swiftly I hurried to the window. I heard the soft voice that was never out of my ears mutter softly—

"Open, Thelka, for the love of Heaven!"

I opened the window quickly and silently, and the next instant Ernst was clasping me for one brief wild moment of joy to his breast.

"Ernst, dear Ernst," I said, clinging to him, "tell me quickly—are you hard pressed—are you safe here?"

A Prayer.
Out alone in the dim, misty gloaming,
When restfully sleeps the dead day.
While shadows, like nuns, gather round her,
And weave her a shroud of soft gray;

When the sky seems cursed by the tree-tops;
As though, like a home-yearning child,
Earth had reached out her arms unto heaven,
And heaven, low-bending, replied;

Thus, lingering, I stand till enraptured,
My spirit seems souring from earth,
Reaching out for some token responsive
From the mystic land of its birth.

And I whisper, "O God light within me

The spark from thine own radiance caught,"

And deep in my soul stirs the answer—

The germ of some exquisite thought.

—LEB ROUSEAU.

LOVE'S RISKS.

"It's not of the least use talking, Thelka," said my father dogmatically—he always became dogmatic and unreasonable on this subject—"you can't make anything else but bloodthirsty, cruel, rapacious, irretrievable scamps out of those confounded ulhans! Your precious count there is like the rest of 'em! Glad he's going!"

"It wasn't his fault, papa," I ventured to assert; "it was some superior officer's, who billeted the company, I suppose."

Papa did not know I wasetrothed to the count, for he hated the Germans, and, above all, the ulhans. My steady lover was proud of his dashing company, before whom all things gave way. How the French hated the very name of Lichtenstein. "Lichtenstein's Ulhans," as they called them—and he seemed invincible and irresistible; but he was merciful and noble, and never suffered pillage or violence, and ever spared women and, as much as possible, all human life. Our engagement was secret; but it is the only thing I can think of."

"Great Heaven!" I said to myself, and for one second stood still; then I stepped forward.

"Are you safe here for to-night?" I asked quietly, though my hands were like ice in his.

"Yes I think so; if they had discovered my track, they must have been up with me by now. What are you thinking of Thelka?"

A sudden thought had flashed into my mind, at which, in spite of the gravity of the situation, I could not help smiling.

"Do you know that Le Brun is coming to dinner to-day?"

"Le Brun!" repeated my ulhan in a low tone, and his brow drew dark.

"Yes, Ernst," "and you must wait on him; you must be Pierre. I know the scheme is full of danger, Ernst; but it is the only thing I can think of."

"Only till the war is over, my Thelka. I cannot give you up."

But to return to my story. Orders had come for Lichtenstein to go with a handfull of his men to the head-quarters of the general with despatches, I think, leaving a few to guard the town. No disturbance was anticipated by the general; but Ernst thought Vervain more important than he did.

Papa told me he was going into town till dinner-time.

"I say, wouldn't it be fun," he said, chuckling, "if the count fell into Col. Le Brun's hands?"

"Le Brun will be very clever," I answered, smiling serenely, "if he catches the 'invincible Lichtenstein'!"

"I know," growled papa, "it's difficult now, but..."

"Ah, well, try to get some one, my dear, with two arms this time!" laughed papa, and he went away.

Well, the count went away almost directly after dinner. Papa shook hands with him and said briskly:

"Good-by, count."

Then Ernst turned to me and held my hand—no one could tell how tightly. Papa only heard my quiet "Good-by, count; I hope you will have a safe journey," and his equally quiet answer as he touched my hand with his lips in his gallant fashion—

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"It's the colonel's voice!" I said.

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NEW ENGLAND NEWS.

Maine.

Dr. Thomas H. Brown of Paris died very recently a few days ago. His wife went into the room and found him on the floor, where he had sat down from his chair, dead from heart disease.

Ellridge M. Hanson, who has been missing from Old Orchard for several days, was found nearly naked in the woods in lower Blodford, evidently insane.

S. Hanna of Pennington caught what might have been a trout in his net the other day. It was about 25 inches long, 10 inches in diameter in the largest part, and was shaped like an eel. The head was flat and the upper part projected out over the mouth, which was small and contained sharp teeth. It was dead when found.

There has been some sharp correspondence between the state militia and others interested, in regard to the violation of the lottery law.

A few mornings since while B. Hughes, of the firm of Hughes Bros., Toronto, Canada, was bathing, his room in the Old Orchard bathing house was entered, and a watch and chain worth at \$150 and \$65 in bills were stolen.

The hay crop in the state is the most valuable for years. The drought injured the grain at points in the interior, but not along the sea coast nor in Aroostook. Grain and potato will give an average crop, while corn has shown some promise well. Other field crops are above the mark. Apples are more plentiful and better than last year.

H. W. Longfellow and his brothers, Royce, Samuel and Alexander, are at their old home at Portland.

The subscription for the Skowhegan and Athens railroad has reached \$35,750, and work began when \$40,000 is pledged.

Mrs. Charlotte Caffrey, widow of the late John P. Caffrey of Waterbury, submitted suicide recently by hanging. For some months she had been partially insane in consequence of grief at the death of her husband and other troubles, and during the temporary absence of her nurse committed the deed.

H. P. Winter of Boston accepts a call to become the secretary of the Portland Young Men's Christian Association.

New Hampshire.

The annual meeting of the general association of New Hampshire of ministers and delegates of the Trinitarian Congregational churches will be held at Portsmouth, Sept. 14, 15 and 16, at which time the question of the taxation of church property will be considered, and the committee appointed to investigate the subject will make a report.

O. L. Morrison of Tilton has lost four cattle in five weeks by a strange disease, which the state authorities will investigate.

Samuel Brown, cashier of the Penobscot cotton factory at Ellsworth, has arrived home in improved health from a trip to America.

Walter H. Thair of Farmington, 13, received in the face by his horse, which he was driving out of his cornfield. Nine of his upper teeth were knocked out, his upper gum completely shattered, and both sides broken off the back. The lower teeth were stove in, but were pulled loose in places, over 20 pieces of bone were taken out of his face, and he lies in a very precarious condition.

Many indications appear that Surry mountain is rich in copper ore. A vein 12 feet wide has been found on Wm. Carpenter's land on its west side.

The Cocheeo mills at Dover, 13, 400 miles of cotton cloth a year, enough to reach three-fourths around the globe.

A mob armed with pistols surrounded the house of N. P. Rines at Hampton a few nights ago, believing him the informer who led to several recent successful Squier raids, and after much noise-thrown the house and barn, smashing the windows and throwing the furniture into the road.

The debt of Coos county is \$21,769, a reduction of \$4,665.

The Kearsarge agricultural association holds its fair Oct. 6 and 7.

Nathan Cragin of Wilton, while mowing grain, recently, was chased by a large black man, driven from the field. After a while he returned to try and finish the mowing, and had another fight with the black man, who made his appearance with head up ready for battle, which followed, until it was all over around the scythe and was finally killed. It was five feet long and as large as a man's arm.

The Bellmop mills of Leominster are incorporated as the Lexington mills.

The Mt. Washington tower is so far completed that Prof. Quincy begins his work on the triangulation of the state on the first day. The upper floor of the tower is 6,233 feet above the sea level.

There are 66 savings banks in the state, of which one, the Dairy bank, has made an assignment. The deposits have increased \$1,922,655, the deposits 1655, the surplus is \$1,039,262, and the gaudy fund \$751,213. Dividends were declared in the year \$751 of 5 per cent, by 11 of 1-2, by 20 of 4; by 8 of 2 for 3-4, and 5 passed.

Vermont.

The dwelling of John Healy at Bennington was totally destroyed by fire a few mornings since, the family barely escaping. The fire was of incendiary origin. Loss, \$5000; partly insured.

The war department will appoint a regular army officer professor of tactics of Norwich university, vice ex-President Curtis, resigning.

J. E. Cakes, 19 years old, has safely stabled R. L. Riney, 15 years old, on the road near Danville.

The hay crop is so heavy in parts of Orleans county that the farmers have to build temporary shelters.

The road is going on Moon & Arm's new mill, W. H. Folsom, covering 12,200 square feet, and Roberton, Minn., is to be built another next by, covering 8,000 feet. There will be still enough head of water left to the canal for another mill, to make room for which a heavy river wall, twenty-five feet high will be built.

A hall-stone recently destroyed the crops at Brookfield, broke over 2000 panes of glass, and did other damage. Seven hall-stones weighed a pound.

Joseph Jefferson, the actor, who has been summering at Burlington, has bought 12 acres, Laconia, La.

J. H. Dryer, one of the prominent young men of England, well known in the state, was killed recently by the accidental discharge of his gun while hunting for squirrels. His body was found with a gaping wound in his groin. Dryer had a slip of paper directing the disposal of his property, appointing his wife administratrix, and asking a well-known citizen to settle his estate.

The apple crop in Northern Vermont is heavily ruined by the recent high winds. The fruit, only partially grown, was scattered in the snow.

The fourth annual fair of the Poultry Industrial society will be held on Sept. 21, 22 and 23. Buildings for the better exhibition of persons exhibiting stock are being erected, and premiums to the amount of \$400 are to be given.

The Southeastern railway company will move its workshops from Sutton, P. Q., to Essex, Vt.

The contract to build the Unitarian church at Bellows Falls is given to W. L. Dow & Co., of Newport, N. H., for \$3000.

Massachusetts.

Patrick Callahan, chief of police at Methuen, was arrested recently for drunkenness.

A physician says that Dr. Tanner's absinthe has been exceeded by a woman in Middletown. Miss Betsey Payne some years since was sick with a fever and had a relapse, which was for 45 days. So she suffered, and so the doctor believed. She recovered and lived her years afterward in Holyoke.

C. A. E. Merritt, keeper of a summer hotel at Noquoit beach, has decamped in debt to bachelors, grocers and bankers. The hotel has been in excellent business, having filled up three weeks earlier than ever before. Merritt is a nephew of the collector of customs at New York.

Boston philanthropists will establish a school for deaf mutes on the E. Hill estate at Danvers, which they have leased.

The largest wrought-iron girder ever made in Boston, weighing 16,635 pounds, was placed in a store recently.

Rev. Hugh O'Donnell of East Cambridge is chosen president of the Catholic total abstinence union of America.

A rock was planted to rob the Shawmut national bank at Boston, and was planted and disclosed by a quarrel among the gang. The rear of the bank is on Water street, and it was intended to jump into a window which a confederate had engaged himself to wash, snatched the \$50,000 counted out on a table every morning for the benefit of the day, and then ran away.

Wells F. Hollbrook, of Marlboro', 11 years old, died from lockjaw, caused by the tooth of an iron rake penetrating one of her toes some days since.

The business at the postal card agency at Hyatt is making a good average with other quarters after all, the orders for three thousand amounting to 7,000,000 cards, an unusual number.

Mr. M. Haskell, of Adams, who started to go West recently, to locate a land claim, was killed by the cars at Watertown, N. Y. He leaves a wife, to whom he had been only three months married.

Henry J. Wiggin mowed in a field at the corner of Water and New York city, was arrested for robbing the National Bank.

John Murphy, one of the census enumerators in New York city, has been arrested for making false returns.

John Andrews and Frank Howe, under arrest for stabbing Partridge to death, have confessed the deed, but claim that they acted in self-defense.

The victim's wife, who was quarreled just before the murder, is a widow, though he lingered 23 hours in a hospital.

Alexander Williams of Boston, has a cancer of 150 years old, which supports John Hancock, uncle to John Hancock.

People living at the south end of Boston assume themselves at bat hunting.

Boston has had a great many fires lately; some of them quite serious.

Mrs. Laura Miller, aged 93, of West Springfield, has died, in consequence of taking poison mistake for medicine prepared for her.

The First Regiment of the ordnance corps, stationed at the Watertown arsenal, has planned a magazine fire-arm, claimed to include 32 new combinations.

Mary Birney Banks the eldest daughter of Gen. N. P. Banks recently married Rev. Paul Sterling of Ohio, an Episcopal minister 25 years of age.

Connecticut.

Nearly 5000 signatures have been obtained in the state to a petition to the board of health asking that the State Trinitarian Congregational churches will be taxed at Portsmouth, Sept. 14, 15 and 16, at which time the question of the taxation of church property will be considered, and the committee appointed to investigate the subject will make a report.

Thomas Maynor, a young man of disolute appearance, was brought before the New York Jefferson market police court, to answer the charge of neglecting to support his wife. He leaned carelessly against the iron railing and gazed at the court room as if indifferent to everything and everybody.

Mrs. Catharine Maynor, his wife, a comely young woman, but wearing a sad and dejected air, stepped slowly up to the desk and, with tears starting from her eyes, told his honor that she married Thomas three years ago, and that for a while they lived happily. Soon after the birth of their child he began neglecting her and took to drink. She patiently bore his neglect, and even now would forgive him if he would promise to reform and do better.

Magistrate—His promise would be of no good. He would let you both starve to gratify his beastly passion. And he would let you starve in the gutter, if necessary to satisfy his depraved appetite.

Wife (pleadingly)—I don't want you to be too hard on him, judge; I only want to bring him to his senses as to his wrong doing.

Magistrate—I can see only one way of dealing with such debased creatures, and that is to send them to the island. If I send him there he can associate with the drunken loafers who have been his companions in the rum shops here. I want you to tell me exactly what he has done.

Archbishop Gibbons will be received with a procession on his return to Baltimore from his European trip. Arrangements for the reception are now being made.

There are men from a clump of bushes at South Norwalk the other night and struck a knife at the breast of a Mr. Kendrick, who was passing. A thick memorandum book saved his life.

A strange horse disease has appeared at Norwalk, and is spreading rapidly. The symptoms resemble those of diphtheria.

The 14th regiment of state volunteers holds its 16th reunion at Rockville Sept. 17.

The 1st company of the governor's foot-guard go to Troy, Poughkeepsie, Tarrytown and New York, leaving Hartford Sept. 21 and returning the 25th.

Frederick Frey, living with John Chapman at North Haven, took a teaspoonful of arsenic and died.

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The magistrate ordered the fellow to be locked up, and said that he would send him to the island.

Female Smugglers.

The class of goods which Canadians buy in Detroit and smuggle to Canada is cotton cloth, domestic and dress goods.

The Detroit purchaser steps on the ferry and goes over to Windsor for gloves, laces, silks, velvets and cashmere, these articles being considered much cheaper and better, whether they are or not.

There are hundreds of Detroit ladies wearing velvet and silk dresses who smuggled them over foisted neatly about their angelic waists or disposed of in their bosoms while they passed the custom-house officer, the lynx-eyed female detectives, the landing waiters, and with serene countenances walked off with their spoils. One lady boasts of the amount of goods that she can carry over a single trip.

The smuggling mania has taken such possession of her that she has smuggled for her friends merely to keep up the excitement. She has acquired such a knack of arranging the goods about her person that a whole bolt of cotton does not give her the least uneasiness, and she can carry at one trip half a dozen silk dresses, yet the lady herself is by no means of insignificant bulk. It is a great mistake the idea that she is a stout advocate of temperance reform. She is a stout advocate of the high sense of duty, overriding personal impulse, all will be well. Failing this, we apprehend that the irregularities in delivery will take place.

The new Congregational church in Antananarivo, the capital of Madagascar, is a gem. It is called the Palace church, because it is where Queen Ranavalonajaka and all the royal people worship.

It is in the palace inclosure, and has stained glass windows like our American churches. It holds about four hundred people. The dedication services, which are held weekly, are conducted in excellent English.

It is a great success.

Female Boning.

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Children's Health.

In relation to the true causes of the sickness of children, it is stated that in

numberless instances where locality and atmosphere were blamed for childish ailment, the true cause was the treatment the children received at home and at school.

The hurried manner in which most children are compelled to jump from their warm beds, swallow their meals, and run off through rain, snow or ice, in order to be in time for school; the confined positions in which they are continually compelled to sit or stand while there the mental strain, the sudden change of temperature to which they are subjected, and the heartless manner in which they are too frequently refused permission to leave the schoolroom when it is necessary that they should leave it, all tax the heart, liver, kidneys and lungs of these little ones to the utmost; and if the child be of weak constitution it is bound to succumb, and then its sickness is attributed to other causes.

It is very doubtful whether the most learned-minded man, after viewing the evidence, could find good ground for urging a softening of Balbo's sentence on the plea of justice; and nobody has a right to find fault with Gov. Cornell for not listening to pleadings of the advocates

RELIGIOUS.

Rev. Minot J. Savage is now in London, and a new work by him on "The Ethical Bearings of Evolution" is to be published by Trübner.

The author of the "Age Temptation of American Christians" is understood to be the Rev. Charles A. Williams, a Presbyterian clergyman living at Geneva, N. Y.

A swimmer becomes strong to stem the tide only by frequently breasting the big waves. If you practice always in shallow water, your heart will assuredly fail in the hour of high flood.—*J. Stuart Blackie.*

The Protestant Episcopal cathedral in Omaha, Neb., is to have three great windows as memorials of three great missionary bishops—Selwyn, Paterson and Kemper. There are to be thirteen other windows in the cathedral, with paintings of the Savior and the Apostles.

Years give to some men a finer harmony of the heart, but from others they take more than they give. Those strong hearts resemble gardens which age makes greener, fuller, more leafy; whereas the man of the world is covered by years with dried-up and disfigured boughs.

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